MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The information supplied to the member is based on the report of the Land Revenue Commissioner. I would also refer the member to page 300 of the *Land Revenue Manual, Vol. II.*

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : That is not my question. My question is whether the Government are aware that the maximum assessment is Rs. 28·2 per acre.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : That information might be correct.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Whatever it might be, I am in a dilemma. I do not know which I should accept. There are varying answers.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : There is the assessment at the Settlement commuted into money at chs. $8\frac{1}{2}$ per para of paddy (old rate of 6 chs. per para for one-half the assessment, and the new rate of chs. 11 per para for the other half), and the subsequent assessment at 11 chuckrams per para of paddy. Possibly, the maximum assessment might have gone up to Rs. 28 or more. The information I have given is based on the original assessment.

Taking presents by the Excise Inspectors from the liquor shop contractors.

56. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that every Range Inspector and Sub-Inspector in the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram and Kalkulam are obtaining presents at least once in a month by coercing the toddy and arrack contractors ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether the Government are aware of any Range Inspector or any single Sub-Inspector in the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram and Kalkulam obtaining presents at least once in a month by coercing the toddy and arrack contractors ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer i given in the printed paper.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : The answer relates to the question whether *every* Range Inspector and Sub-Inspector are obtaining presents. My supplementary question is whether there is any single Sub-Inspector or single Range Inspector obtaining presents. That is a very nice supplementary question ! (*Laughter*).

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It may be from the member's point of view. Government are not aware of any such instance.

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